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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Balaram Sinharoy

Serial No.: 09/548,469

Filing Date: April 13, 2000

Title: USE OF SOFTWARE HINT FOR
BRANCH PREDICTION IN THE
ABSENCE OF HINT BIT IN THE
BRANCH INSTRUCTION: Before the Examiner:
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 13, 2003 (Paper No. 3), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 13, 2003, and extended by one month extension to July 13, 2003 by the petition and fee filed herewith, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on July 11, 2003.

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